

REMARKS

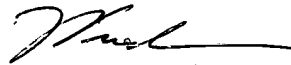
The present amendment is believed to place the application in better condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application are hereby respectfully requested.

Originally filed claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 23, and 27 were written in multiply-dependent format. Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 23, and 27 have now been amended to singly-dependent form in order to reduce claim fees. The preamble of claim 15 also has been amended to correct an obvious clerical error. The amendments do not relate to patentability of the originally filed claims.

New claims 30 - 33 are apparatus claims in means-plus-function form corresponding respectively to claims 1, 6, 16, and 20.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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